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1. PORTION OF COLUMN "LETTER FROM NEW YORK"
BY SEAN CRONIN IN IRISH TIMES OF AUGUST 29
COMMENTED ON CODEL EILBERG VISIT. FULL TEXT
OF RELEVANT PORTION OF COLUMN IS PROVIDED BELOW.

2. "CONGRESSMAN JOSHUA EILBERG, DEMOCRATIC
CHAIRMAN OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
WHO IS NOW TOURING IRELAND WITH HIS REPUBLICAN
COLLEAGUE, HAMILTON FISH OF NEW YORK, IS A MAN
WITH GROWING POLITICAL CLOUT.
HE IS THE NUMBER TWO MAN ON THE JUDICIARY
COMMITTEE - THE ONE WHICH VOTED FOR THE IMPEACH-
MENT OF RICHARD NIXON - AFTER PETER RODINO, WHO
REPRESENTS A STRONGLY-BLACK NEWARK DISTRICT AND
MAY RETIRE WHEN HIS PRESENT TERM ENDS.

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EILBERG IS 57 TO RODINO'S 69. HE REPRESENTS A
HEAVILY JEWISH MIDDLE CLASS CONSTITUENCY IN
PHILADELPHIA THAT WENT FOR NIXON IN 1972; BUT
THAT DID NOT DETER EILBERG IN THE WATERGATE
HEARINGS. MORE RECENTLY, HE WON THE RELEASE
OF A PHILADELPHIA-BORN YOUTH AWAITING TRIAL
IN BELFAST.

EILBERG'S SUB-COMMITTEE WANTS TO KNOW WHAT POLICY
US CONSULATES IN BELFAST AND DUBLIN FOLLOW IN THE
HANDING OUT OF VISITORS' VISAS. WHY ARE
SOME PEOPLE GIVEN VISAS AND OTHERS DENIED THEM?
IN THE LATTER CATEGORY ARE SPOKESMEN FOR PROVISIONAL
SINN FEIN.
CONGRESSMAN FISH KNOWS IRELAND WELL. HE WAS
VICE-CONSUL IN DUBLIN FROM 1951 TO 1953.
ACCOMPANYING THE TWO CONGRESSMEN IS THE
LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE,
JAMES CLINE, WHICH INDICATES THAT THE MISSION
IS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT."

3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, EMBASSY CAN ANTICIPATE
FURTHER IRISH MEDIA ATTENTION TO VISIT. DEPARTMENT
MAY THEREFORE WISH TO CONSIDER PROVIDING GUIDANCE
ADDITIONAL TO THAT GIVEN IN REFTELCON. SHANNON

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